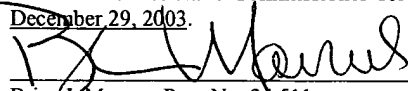


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks:

Amendment to the Title appears on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Amendment to the Abstract appears on page 4 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Amendment to the Claims, including the cancellation and addition of claims, begins at page 5 of this Preliminary Amendment.

The Remarks appear on page 14 of this Preliminary Amendment.

In the Title:

Please replace the title of the invention with the following:

-- AN ELECTRONIC EDUCATIONAL TOY APPLIANCE HAVING A TOUCH
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